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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF GREECE.

M. R. KNIGHT.

AN essay by E. L. Schumann in the November *American Philatelist* will be likely to foster if not almost create an interest in the above stamps. Hitherto they have been "Greek" indeed to the majority of collectors. I hope that this short paper of mine, which is the result of an independent study of the stamps themselves as well as a careful comparison of the catalogues of Nicolas D. Vallossis, Joseph Tchakiji & Co., and A. E. Glasewald, all specialists in this department, will be of some additional service to collectors in helping to elucitate the mystery with which the Greek stamps have been clothed.

The Postage Stamps of Greece from 1860 to 1883 all bear the same design, the head of Mercury on a plain coloured ground in a circle of pearls, a double border around stamp, the corners outside of circle filled up with minute chain-work, "Ell Gramm" above, value below, of this design some 85 stamps were omitted, which according to my judgment are sufficiently distinct to be deserving of being catalogued.

The first nine stamps were printed in Paris, 1 to 6 in 1860, 7 in 1861 and 8 and 9 in 1862. The printing is perfectly clean, beautifully done. The lines of shading on the face and neck bar are so thin at the ends as to be almost imperceptible. The paper is smooth and strong. Nos. 7 and 9 have figures of value on the back. In No. 9 the chain-work in the corners has degenerated into white patches in most examples.

1860. Paris print. 1, 1 lepton, dark brown; 2. lepta, bistre; 3, 5 lepta, green on greenish; 4, 20 lepta, blue on blueish; 5, 40 lepta, dark lilac on blue-green; 6, 80 lepta, carmine on rose.

1861. Value on back (large 10). 7, 10 lepta, orange on greenish.

Jan., 1862. 8, 2 lepta, pale brown; 9, 20 lepta, blue, (value on back).

From March, 1862 to 1871, the stamps were printed at home in Athens and the execution is much coarser, while the paper is of a poorer quality. The lines on the neck and face are thicker than in the Paris stamps and are often blotted and run together.

1862. Athens print. Nos. 12–18 have figures of value on the back. 10, 1 lepton, (as No. 1, but plainer); 11, 2 lepta, bistre; 12, 5 lepta, green on greenish; 13, 10 lepta, orange-red on greenish; 14, 20 lepta, pale blue on blueish; 15, 20 lepta, blue; 16, 20 lepta. dark blue; 17, 40 lepta, dark lilac on grey-blue; 18, 80 lepta, carmine on pale rose.

1863. Value on back. 19, 5 lepta, green on greenish (smaller figure on back); 20, 10 lepta, brick-red on grey-blue.

1864. Coarser impression still. Nos. 23–30 have figures of value on the back. 21, 1 lepton, chesnut-brown on white; 22, 2 lepta, pale brown on chamois; 23, 5 lepta, dirty green on greenish; 24, 10 lepta, orange-red greenish; 25, 10 lepta, dirty orange-red on grey-blue; 26, 20 lepta, blue on yellow-green; 27, 40 lepta, dirty dark red on grey-blue; 28, 40 lepta, dirty carmine; 29, 40 lepta, violet-red; 30, 80 lepta, carmine on pale rose.

1865. 31, 1 lepton, clay-brown on chamois; 32, 1 lepton, pale clay-brown; 33, 2 lepta, dark bistre on chamois.

1865. Value on back. Fine thin paper. 34, 5 lepta, dull green on greenish; 35, 10 lepta, vermillion on violet-grey; 36, 20 lepta, blue on bluish; 37, 20 lepta, blue on dark blue.

1866. 38, 40 lepta, red-brown on blueish, (value on back).

1868. Very coarse impressien. 39, 40 lepta, violet on blueish, (value on back.

The next three stamps. Nos. 40–42, are very well printed and resemble the Paris stamps the most closely of all the Athens printed ones.

1870. Fine impression. 40, 1 lepton, brown on white; 41, 20 lepta, blue on white, (value on back); 42, 20 lepta, dark blue, (value on back).

1871. Coarser impression. Value on back. 43, 40 lepta, red on greenish; 44, 40 lepta, carmine; 45, 40 lepta, carmine blotted colour.

In the following two stamps we find again the beautiful clean print and delicate lines of the first emission.

1875. Paris print. 46, 30 lepta, brown on chamois; 47, 60 lepta, dark green on greenish.

1876. Athens print again. Chamois paper. Nos. 49–60 have figures of value on the back. 48, 1 lepton, coffee-brown; 49, 5 lepta, green; 50, 5 lepta, yellow-green; 51, 10 lepta, orange-red; 52, 20 lepta, ultramorine; 53, 20 lepta, dark blue; 54' 40 lepta, red; 55, 40 lepta, carmine.

1876–78. White paper. 56, 5 lepta, green; 57, 5 lepta, yellow-green; 58, 10 lepta, orange-red; 59, 10 lepta, vermilion; 60, 20 lepta, ultramorine.

1878. Without value on back. 61, 5 lepta, green on chamois.

1879. 62, 1 lepton, red-brown; 63, 5 lepta, green; 67, 10 lepta, orange-yellow; 65, 30 lepta, dark brown; 66, 30 lepta, black-brown; 67, 30 lepta, olive brown; 68, 60 lepta, dark green.

1880. 69, 10 lepta, orange-red; 70, 20 lepta, dark ultramarine.

1881. 71, 1 lepton, pale brown; 72, 2 lepta, clay-yellow; 73, 5 lepta, pale green; 74, 10 lepta, yellow; 75, 20 lepta, lake; 76, 20 lepta, claret pink; 77, 30 lepta, dark grey-blue; 78, 40 lepta, dark violet.

1881–82. Value on back. 79, 40 lepta, purple; 80, 40 lepta, violet, blotted colour.

1883. Stamps of 1881 in paler colours. 81, 20 lepta, carmine; 82, 20 lepta, clear rose; 83, 20 lepta, pink; 84, 30 lepta, pale blue; 85, 40 lepta, pale violet.

I trust that the description here given will enable collectors to identify without much difficulty the above 85 stamps, all of the same design. A study of the postmarks may afford a little additional help, but not very much, since the earlier stamps will often be found with the later postmarks. The earliest postmark, however, a diamond composed of dots, with the

number of the post office in the centre, is never found on the issues after 1871. The second postmark, a double circle with date in centre, name of office above and number below, I have seen dated 1863, and I think even 1862. Another postmark, differing from the last, in that the year is below outside the inner circle, in place of the No. of office, appears also upon the 1881-83 issues.

None of the Greek stamps were officially perforated or rouletted. All such are the product of private enterprise.

It is not necessary to describe the three stamps (Nos. 86-88) emitted in 1886, and the six (89-94) emitted in 1888, since these are of another design and present no difficulty as to their classification.

From 1862 to 1879 a long list of errors was accumulated through carelessness in printing the control figures on the back of the stamps. I give a list of them here for the use of those who care to collect them. They can be had from Vallossis at prices ranging from 20c. to $1.00 each.

1862.—10 lepta (01); 20 lepta (0); 20 lepta (80); 80 lepta (8); 80 lepta (80 in blue).

1864.—5 lepta (5); 5 lepta (ϱ5); 10 lepta (01); 10 lepta (0). 1870.—20 lepta (02).

1872.—10 lepta (01); 10 lepta (10); 10 lepta (0).

1876.—10 lepta (01); 10 lepta (0).

I trust that the above list will be found useful to collectors. I append a list of the stamps which are scarce, some of them quite rare, and which it will be to the interest of collectors to secure as soon as possible. When the Greek stamps are better understood those enumerated below are sure to rise in price.

In another paper I may describe the varieties of the Unpaid Letter Stamps.

Scarce and Rare Greek Postage Stamps :—Nos. 1-8, 10, 12, 35-37, 40-42, 43-45, 46, 47, 48, 61, 62, 68, 69, 70.

CALIFORNIA STATE TELEGRAPH.

OF these stamps I can give but a passing notice, not owning a specimen, and the account and description I had being lost. The only thing I can do *at present* is to give a list of them and refer the reader to the *American Philatelist*, Vol. II., No. 5, page 96; and to Mr. Sterling's catalogue, 6th edition, 1887, page 27, and to a complete list written by the writer in *The Curiosity World*, 1887. As such is the case! I herewith attach a list.

No. 1. 1871, blue on white, (date in oval) perf. 23 × 27.
" 2. " black " " " " "
" 3. " " " " white oval " "
" 4. " " " " " " "
" 5. 1875, dark brown, surcharged in blue. (date in green oval) perf. 23 × 27.

Mutual Union.

Was issued by this company as a "Complimentary Frank" for the use of its stockholders in 1883, in books *of probably* 100 each. The stamp or frank, is in a colored impression on white wove paper. In the center or a little above it is the word "No." in solid capitals, and above it is the word "FRANK" in *white block* letters, shaded *dexter* and at base, with solid color; over it, in a solid double curve scroll, ornamented above and below by outline scrolls, is the words "TELEGRAPH COMPANY" in white capitals, all the above on a ground work of oblong diamonds diagonal cross lines forming oblong lozenges. At the top in solid curved arch, framed by two white curved lines, are the words "MUTUAL UNION" in white capitals. Below the lozenge center, in a tablet of horizontal lines, is "John O. Evans" in solid script, and under it to *Dexter* is the word "PRESIDENT," in small solid capital letters, the "NT" being half the size of the other letters, to end the word, and conform the frame of the tablet, which is framed by white one-line scoll ornaments, *oval curves at ends*. Under this, is the word "COMPLIMENTARY" on solid ground in white capitals. In upper corners is the letters "M. U."!—in monogram, in solid color, on a horizontal lined ground. At the side of the lozenge lined center is the date, vertical, in solid figures, thus, to *sinister*, 1882, to *dexter*, 1882, or to sinister 1883, dexter 1883. All of the above is on solid tablet.

Engraved.—Colored impression on white wove paper. Size 25 × 30 mm., perf. 13½.

No. 1. (No value) 1882, blue on white, perf., type 17, Scott & Co. old.
" 2. † " " " " imperf. (accidental.)
" 3. ‡ " 1883, red " perf.

† No. 2 of this number I am informed that *one book* was found that had been omitted to be perforated, and these are now exceedingly rare.

‡ In No. 3 the name of the *president* is changed to "John G. Moore," in same autograph script.

Merchants' Line.

Was issued the same as the foregoing, for the convenience of its stockholders, and is the oldest Telegraph Complimentary Frank in the U. S., *being now 35 years old.* It was lithographed on colored paper, at the top is an *eagle* couchant, with spread wings, sitting on a double lined shield. In the center is the word "TELEGRAPH" in solid block letters and solid scroll lines as fillings, over it in a curved line is the word "LINE" in capitals, with three ornaments at each end. Under it is the numerals "29" in outline, 2 mms. high. Over the word *line* is "MERCHANTS" in colored letters, in curve and two curved dashes over it at *sinister, middle and dexter*. Under the numeral is "WALL ST." in colored letters in curve, and under this is "N. YORK." in colored letters in curve, three ornaments at each end and two dashes in curve at base.

Lithographed.—Black, surrounded by an outer line of color, imperf., on colored glazed paper:—Imperforated:—Size 20 × 25.

No. 1. (No value) Black on red, imperf. 20 × 25.

Another type of this has been discovered by Messrs. Burger of the N. P. S., consisting of the same die, but with the word "TELEGRAPH" inserted under the word *Line*, and the numeral "9" changed to a "5," also "CANAL ST." under it, and under this is "PROVIDENCE" in a curve, three ornaments at each end of *Providence*, but none in center of the base of shield.

1852, No. 2. (No value) Black on red glazed paper, imperf.
" 3. " " green " " "
" 4. " " yellow " " "

DATE OF ISSUE OF THE 1 PENNY NOVA SCOTIA.

While the exact date of issue of the 3d., 6d. and 1 shilling Nova Scotia stamps have been discovered, that of the 1d. has only been guessed at. Having lately been fortunate enough to procure access to the letter books of the Nova Scotia Post Office Department, I have been enabled to make the date almost exact, as will be seen by the following letter of the Post Master General of Nova Scotia, and copied from the letter book of that department:

HALIFAX, May 12, 1853.

Sir,—"I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with a supply of 200 sheets of 1 penny stamps, (amounting to £100) for the use of the Post Office in this Province."

(Sg'd.) A. WOODGATE, *P. M. G.*

RECEIVER-GENERAL
OF NOVA SCOTIA.

This is the first mention of the 1 penny stamps in the letter book, and the date of issue should, I think, be taken from that application. In the letter book containing copys of letters to deputies, the first requisition for 1 penny stamps is from the Postmaster of Amherst, the answer to which, here given, is:

HALIFAX, 30th June, 1853.

Sir,—"I beg to enclose herewith, agreeably to your request, postage stamps to the amount of £2 5s. 0d., viz: one sheet of 3d., and 60 labels of 1d. stamps; also a supply of the proper printed applications, one of which I will thank you to fill up and return to this office with the acknowledgment."

I am, &c., &c.,

(Sg'd.) C. H. H.

POST MASTER, AMHERST.

Amherst was then one of the largest towns of this Province, outside of the capital, and the amount of the 1d. required shews the small use of this value outside Halifax. The requisitions shew that this was the usual number of 1d. stamps asked for, sometimes a little more and very often less, and being used as they were for a merely town or drop postage, accounts for their scarcity.

D. A. KING.

SOME PHILATELIC TRIFLES.

BY E. E. K.

I SUPPOSE their are many collectors who, like myself, are not as familiar as they should be with everything that pertains to the stamps they meet with, and who are sometimes puzzled to account for this or that feature of certain specimens. It was a long time before I understood why British Guiana has the values of its stamps denoted in *cents* while in other British colonies which lie near to it these values are expressed in shillings and pence—the money of the mother country. On looking the matter up one day I found that in British Guiana all public and mercantile accounts are kept in dollars and cents, the value of the dollar being equal to 4s. 2d. sterling. That all accounts should be kept in a currency which is not in use among any of its nelghbors is somewhat mysterious, and still more strange is the fact that its stamps do not bear the regulation head of the Queen as do those of all the other British possessions, with rare exceptions. The absence of Her Majesty's portrait is of course not the result of accident or oversight, but whatever may be the consideration to which it is due, a knowledge of the same would be of interest to philatelists.

The first issues of Ceylon had their values expressed in shillings and pence, but in 1872 the rupee was adopted as the standard of value and the English money gave way to the new currency in which one hundred cents are equal to one rupee, or two shillings, or forty-eight cents of the money of the United States and Canada.

The stamps of Labuan and Hong Kong, also bearing the good Queen's portrait, (or what was her portrait half a century ago) likewise indicate in cents the amount of postage they will pay, but this cent is double the value of that of Ceylon. This currency was no doubt adopted by these colonies on account of its convenience in commercial transactions with their neighbors, or with those countries with which they have their principal trade.

For a long time I was unable to fully understand those peculiar surcharges found on some of the stamps used in Porto Rico, but I finally came across an odd philatelic journal in which, to my great satisfaction, the matter was explained. Until sometime in 1873, Cuba and Porto Rico used the same stamps, but at this period the authorities of the latter island noticed a considerable falling off in the postal revenues. An investigation brought to light the fact that a large proportion of the stamps used in Porto Rico were obtained in Cuba, where they could be bought with the depreciated currency of that island, while in Porto Rico they had to be paid for in gold or its equivalent. To make sure that the stamps used in paying postage were purchased only in Porto Rico, they were surcharged with the *paraphe*, or ornamental flourish, which followed the signature of the chief authority of the island. Subsequent events made it necessary to add the paraphe of another official, and the theft of a large quantity of the 25c. and 1 pesetea stamps thus surcharged, obliged the authorities to surcharge the remaining stock of these values with a third paraphe horizontally, it being a duplicate of that of the Governor-General.

Perhaps a rehearsal of some of the facts pertaining to the first issue of stamps by Fiji might be interesting to young collectors. About 1854 the people of these islands accepted Christianity as their religious belief, but the change from paganism was not followed by the improvement in their condition which their king looked for, and the latter, in 1858, offered to turn the government over to the English, but the offer was, strange to say, declined. In 1871 a constitutional government was formed by the English residents, of whom there were a considerable number, under king Cacambau (also written Thakombau.) One of the first acts of the new government was the issue oi the well known set of postage stamps, consisting of three values, and bearing in the center a crown underneath which are the letters C. R. (Cacambau Rex). The "constitutional government," however, after a struggle of three years, during which it became more and more deeply involved in debt, ended in complete failure, and in 1874 the islands, government, postage stamps and all, were unconditionally ceded to Great Britain, which power felt obliged, in the interest of all parties, to accept the offer and the responsibility which it involved. It is to this change in the government that we are indebted for the surcharge of V. R. (Victoria Regina) over the letters C. R., on the stamps then remaining on hand.

Whether the crown on the stamps in question was that of King Thakombau, or represented the English contingent in the government, I have no means of knowing. It certainly is unlike that of Queen Victoria, yet it is the same as that on the stamps of 1879 issue, on which the letters V. R. are engraved in the place of C. R. The crown has, perhaps, no special significance, being used merely as an emblem of royalty without particular reference to the former or the present sovereign.

THE publishers of this paper would be pleased to receive and publish any articles or correspondence that would be of interest to our readers.

A number of advertising accounts are due us from last year, and we would like to have them paid at once and thus save us the trouble of publishing the parties names. We would also ask all our friends for their support to our paper in advertising or by subscription, as the size of our paper will depend to a large extent upon the support received. We had intended at the first of the year to have doubled the number of our pages but we regret to say that we have been unable to do so The paper will in future be issued on the 15th of each month, and all matter for publication must be in by the 5th. We issue 1200 copies each month to all the live collectors of Canada and the United States. Thanking our friends for past favours and asking those who have not yet supported us to give us some, we are, Your obedient servants,

THE PUBLISHERS.

As we have received a number of subscriptions from parties who wish to secure the artotype plate issued with our Dec. No., we wish to say that the offer to new subscribers only applied to those that sent before end of year.

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—The stamp on the ½c. band has been re-engraved. It can be recognized by the absence of the accent over the "u" of "Republica." The new 1c., made by the S. A. Bank Note Co., was issued on Nov. 3, and has the effigy of Sarsfield in an oval, and inscription "Correos y. Telegrafos." Color brown.

Austria.—Telephone cards; 30kr., black on green, stamp gray; 50kr., black on orange, stamp gray.

Bavaria.—Card, no stamp, small arms, date "88."

Brazil.—New stamp, 700 reis. No particulars yet.*

***Br. Bechuanaland.**—Registry envelopes, 4d. blue, surcharged "Protectorate" in black; sizes G. I. K.

Canada.—Card, 1+1c., gray, waved line inside the oval.

Mr. F. C. Kaye has shewn us the 2 cent and 6 cent of the 1868 issue, with large watermarked letters, of the same type as those in the 1 cent and 3 cent.

Cauca.—In 1879 stamps were issued by this State for use in the mails on the River Atrate. The arms of the State were printed in black on white. Later, three more stamps were issued, all bearing the letters S. P. in monogram, (Solomon Posso, Governor.) The first is on thin rough paper, and frame of red ink lines. "5" in each corner. The second is the same, without the figures in corners. The third has frame in lead pencil, and is on smooth paper.

Chili.—*Der. Ph.* notes 10c., 1852, with blue network.

Cochin, China.—Unpaid letter stamps, 5c. and 15c., surcharged "20" in black.

Colombia.—Official Cubierta, black on white, 105+80 mm. Headed "Repubica (no 'l") de Colombia."

Dominican Republic.—Cards, 3c. and 3+3c. surcharged in blue, "Union Postale Universille."

Dutch East Indies.—*Der. Ph.* notes 30c. green (cc. 28). Head type.

Faridkot.—Post Card ¼+¼ a., arms in black. Stamps of third type, black, vermillion, blue and green, all perf. 12.

Gibraltar.—Registered envelopes, 2d., 131+83 and 152+97 mm., with "Thos. de la Rue & Co. Patent" in red.

Guatemala.—Envelope, 5c. Head of President, surcharged "Provisional," *J. B. J.*

Italy.—Reply paid card 15c., brown on rose, dated "87."

Luxemburg.—The new 5c. card comes with two varieties, of A. in the inscriptions in Roman letters, A. and A.

Mexico.—Card of current issue 2c., with "Servicio Urbano."

New South Wales.—New stamp 4d. Head of Capt. Cook, red brown, perf. 10. The 1d. was first watermarked "N. S. W." and Crown. It now comes on the fiscal stamp paper, with "N. S. W." only.

Philippine Islands.—The 50 mils. yellow brown is surcharged 2 4/8c.

Pountch.—First issue printed in black for official use.

Queensland.—*Der. Ph.* notes the 2sh. blue, 1882, with sometimes a *round* and sometimes an *oval* Q. in the watermark.

Salvador.—Envelopes, 5c. blue on yellow, 10c. carmine on orange. *P. J. of A.*

Switzerland.—The 25c. green, perf. 10.

Trinidad.—There is a £1 green current type.

United States.—Envelope 2c., Die. A. 1887, on amber manila, No. 3.

Mr. E. B. Beans, Fallsington, has shewn us a 1 cent postal card, present issue, with about one-third of the line above United States broken out.

Victoria.—Envelope 1d., current type, green on white laid, 146+88 and 120+67 mm.

Wurtemburg.—Cards, 5pf. and 5+5pf., lilac on bright yellow. First line nearer the arms, and thicker letters.

THERE is a tardiness in the appearance of the much advertised *Canadian Philatelist*, which is in accord with all the other efforts animating from that hot-bed of Philately, the small but picturesque village of Niagara Falls (south). This is to be regretted, as since the exit of the *T. P. J.* we have nothing left now in our banner Province of Ontario to lean against, or to prop up our hobby with. The *T. P. J.* was looked upon at times as worthy of the approval of our collectors, and it gave promise of improvement. However, the effort of a double No. for July-Aug. seems to have been too much for it, and it has disappeared from our sorrowful gaze. The good died young, and a large majority of our promising Phil. Journals must be very good or (*bad*) there is no doubt about their dropping off at an early stage of their existence.

Owing to Ontario being so sickly for Philatelic papers, Philatelists here will do well to patronize our blue-nose friend, the HALIFAX PHILATELIST. which is well established and sturdy, (owing probably to the salt sea breezes) and in every way worthy of our support.

VEXATORS.

IN our advertising pages will be found a catalogue of stamps which are to be sold at auction by the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association on the evening of the 25th February, at their rooms in Poplar Grove. The stamps are every one choice selected specimens. Bids may be sent through any member of the Associaton. No commission is charged to buyers except postage incurred in sending. If this auction is at all successful, the Association intend to hold a monthly one.

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HALIFAX, 1st January, 1889.

To the Members of the Canada Philatelic Association:

ASSOCIATES,—Having to-day, in pursuance of your generous exercise of the franchise, assumed the honors, with the duties and responsibilities, of the office of Chief Executive of our Association, to which you elected me, I take this opportunity to thank you for your kindly support and to assure you that no effort shall be wanting on my part to ensure the progress and prosperity of the C. P. A. In these efforts I shall confidently rely upon the loyal and ever enthusiastic assistance of all the members.

Any suggestions calculated to forward and increase the popularity of our organization and its consequent usefulness and influence will be received with appreciation and receive due consideration.

I shall always hold myself in readiness to assist, so far as I can, in adjusting any differences or difficulties that may arise either between individual members, or between any of them and outside philatelists.

My prime object shall always be to use my best endeavors to promote harmony and good feeling in the Association.

I purpose also making efforts to arrange affiliations with foreign kindred societies as far as possible, which when accomplished, as I believe that they can be, will greatly facilitate the work of our collectors.

Again invoking your hearty co-operation in all measures tending to improve the condition and to increase the influence of the Canada Philatelic Association,

I remain, your very obedient servant,

HENRY HECHLER,
President C. P. A.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

36 EARL ST., TORONTO,
15TH JANUARY, 1889.

To the Members of the C. P. A.:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to present my first report, and in doing so I deplore the fact that it is so meagre. I beg to draw your attention to the fact that quite a number of the members have not paid their dues for the latter half of the year 1888. I also wish to remind all the members that their subscriptions for the first half of the present year are now due. In conclusion, I wish all a very happy New Year.

Yours truly,
T. J. MCMINN,
Secretary C. P. A.

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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE RESIGNED.

3.—J. A. Leighton.
33.—G. A. Lowe.
94.—A. E. Williams.

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

C. P. A. EXCHANGE DEPT.—The Superintendent is pleased to say that his department is running in good shape. Since 5th Sept., 1888, to 1st January, '89, have received 350 filled sheets, and circulated 40 books, 12 of which are now on circuits. There is still a great demand for rare 1st issues of Canada, N. B., N. S., and N. F. Cheap and common stamps do not give satisfaction. I have arranged to supply hinges at 5c. per 500 packet, also

rubber name stamps at 50c. It is to be hoped that now we have a bran new President at the helm, he will drive things into better shape than in 1888, when the Secretary's and Official Organ departments were very lame and inefficient. Expect to balance all Ex. accts 1st Feb'y, 1889.

F. J. GRENNY,
Ex-Supt. C. P. A.

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OFFICIAL ORGAN, HALIFAX PHILATELIST.

MEETING OF DEC. 10TH, 1888.

IN the absence of the President, Vice-President Crane took the chair. Members present: Messrs. Crane, King, Hart, Smith, E. A., Larsen T., Larsen, O., Smith, A. E., Dewolf, Curry, Caldwell and Francis. There being no business to be done, and as the auctioneer had a number of lots to sell, the evening was devoted to him. Over sixty lots were sold, many bargains among them. Meeting closed at 10.30.

D. A. KING,
Secretary.

MEETING OF JANUARY 14TH, 1889.

MEETING opened at 9 p. m. President Crane in the chair. Members present :—Messrs. Crane, King, Hechler, Hart, Kaye, Larsen, T., Larsen, O., Smith, E. A., Shannon, Calder and Francis. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mr. Hechler's motion of the 21st of November was then taken up and after some discussion was passed, making the dues in future $2 per year for voting members. Mr. McKay read letter from the Canadian Exchange Superintendant in relation to the Exchange accounts. Moved by Kaye, seconded by Larsen, that all sheets being sent, and all books coming be first inspected by the counterfeit director. Passed. This closed the business of the evening, and the usual auction sale was held. Next meeting will be held Jan. 28th. Meeting closed at 11 p. m.

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Lot.		Pieces.
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2	" Postal card, 5 cents on one penny halfpenny	1
3	INDIA: ½ Anna, violet, revenue, surcharged "Service postage" in green, used, fine copy, rare.	1
4	NEVIS: ½d. surcharged in violet on half of one penny, unsevered pair, used	2
5	" Another of same, used	1
6	NOVA SCOTIA: Unsevered pair of unused 3d. original gum, perfect specimen	2
7	" 6 pence cut in halves, diagonally, and used as 3d., on part of original envelope	1
8	" 3d. light blue, 3d. dark blue, 1 cent, 2 cent and 5 cent, (2 cent and 5 cent unsed)	5
9	" 3 pence used, on entire original envelope	1
10	TRINIDAD: 1 shilling, grey on blue paper, 1851, imperf., used	1
11	UNITED STATES: 5 cents, with ornaments, beatiful copy, used	1
12	" 5 cents, red brown, fine copy, used	1
13	WESTERN AUSTRALIA: 1 penny on 3 pence, brown, unused	1
14	CANADA: (1859) 12½ cents, 4; Nova Scotia 5 cents, 10	14

15 CEYLON: Five on 8, 4; five on 32, 2; five on 6, 2; China, (1875) 3 and 5 cand..... 10
16 COSTA RICA: 1 and 2 cents, large surcharge; 1, 2, 5 cents, small surcharge, all unused..... 5
17 CUBA: Provisional 10 cents, blue, cut in half, on original envelope 1
18 " (1888) black ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, unused. Porto Rico (1880) 10, 15 unused, 40 used. China (1875) 1, 3, 5 cand, used 12
19 GREAT BRITAIN: (1847) 1 shilling..... 6
20 " (1884) £1, violet, a beauty..... 1
21 HAWAII: (1853) 5 cents, 13 cents specimen..... 2
22 MEXICO: (1864) 1, 2, 4, 1 peso. P. D. M. colored, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, all unused..... 9
23 " Yellow P. D. M. 10, 25, 35, 50, unused. Nova Scotia 1 cent, 3..... 7
24 " Yellow P. D. M., complete set, 8 varieties, unused. Nova Scotia bill, complete 1 to 50, 14 varieties..... 22
25 NEWFOUNDLAND: 1 cent, brown, 20. 5 cents, blue, 12..... 32
26 NEW ZEALAND: 2 shillings, blue. 2 shillings and 6 pence, brown fiscal, postally used..... 2
27 NOVA SCOTIA: 1, 2, 5, 8½, 10, 12½ cents, (2 and 5 used)..... 6
28 " 3 pence, on part of original envelope..... 6
29 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1, 2, 4, 6, 12 cents. Brazil (1885) 10 reis, 8; all unused 19
30 ST. CHRISTOPHER: 1d. on 6d., 1d. on ½d. Trinidad ½d. violet and black. Macau 5 on 100. Transvaal ½d. on 3d. Straits Settlements 3 cents on 32. All unused. St. Vincent 2½d. on 1d. used 7
31 ST. DOMINGO: (1885) 1 centavo, 10. 2 centavo, 10. 5 centavo, 10, used. D. W. Indies, 2 cent envelope, entire, unused, 3..... 33
32 ST. PIERRE, MIQUELON: 5 on 2, 5 on 4, 5 on 35, 5 on 75, 25 on 1F., 5 on 1 F., 5 on 20, 10 on 40, 15 on 40, 5 on 40, a beautiful complete set, all used and slightly cancelled..... 10
33 UNITED STATES: (1855) 10 cent, 2. (1861) 10 cent, 5. New Brunswick, 5 cents, 5. 1 cent, 2..... 14
34 VIRGIN ISLAND: (1883) 1d., (1888) 4d. and 6d., all unused..... 3
35 BERMUDA: (1875) provisional 1d. on 2d., 1d. on 3d., used..... 2
36 BRITISH GUIANA: (1853) 4 cts. blue, with part of original envelope 1
37 " (1881) provisional, 1 cent on 12 cent, official of 1863, unused..... 1
38 " Same on 48 cent official of 1875, used..... 1
39 " Same on 48 cent, red, of 1869, used..... 1
40 " Same, 2 cents on 24 cents official of 1863, used 1
41 CANADA: (1860) envelopes, white paper, entire, unused, 5 & 10 cts. 2
42 " Same..... 2
43 " ditto, 10 cents..... 1

44 " North West Rebellion "Service" envelopes, in black, used. 1 and 3 cents 2
45 " ditto postcard. 1 cent, carmine, 1 cent, black 2
46 " (1875) 8 cents Registration, blue, used 1
47 INDIA: (1867) provisional, revenue surcharged "Service Post," green on ½ anna, lilac 1
48 MARTINIQUE: (1887--8) provisional, 01 on 20, 01 on 2, 01 on 4, 05 on 20, 05 on 20, unused 5
49 " (1888) surcharged. unpaid, 1, 2, 4, 5 cents, unused .. 4
50 MAURITIUS: (1887) provisional, 2 cents revenue on 13 cents, used 1
51 MEXICO: (1888) previsional, 1 cent on 2 cent, (set of three different varieties) 3
52 NEVIS: (1883) ½d. on 1 d. halved, in purple and in black 2
53 NEW BRUNSWICK: (1851) 3d., unused 1
54 " Same, used on original envelope 1
55 NOVA SCOTIA: (1860) complete and unused 6
56 " (1860) 8½ cents, used, a fine specimen 1
57 " (1851) 1 penny, a fine specimen 1
58 ORANGE FREE STATE: (1878) 5 shillings, used 1
59 PORTO RICO: (1880) ¼, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, all unused 6
60 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: Complete set, 13 varieties, used 13
61 " Error, a period (.) after Prince., 3 cents (a pair) 2
62 ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET CO.: 10 cents, rose, unused 3
63 ST. CHRISTOPHER: (1888) provisional, 1d. (large surcharge) on 2½d., unused 1
64 ST. PIERRE, MIQUELON: (1885) 5 on 20, 5 on 40, 10 on 40, 15 on 40, used 4
65 " (1885) provisional, 5 cent on 2 cent, reverse, used 1
66 " ditto, 5 on 75, unused 1
67 STRAITS SETTLEMENTS: (1884) 8 cents, black, on 12 cents, purple, used 1
68 UNITED STATES: (1861) 4 cents, yellow brown, (a pair on original envelopes) 2
69 " (1862) 5 cents, chocolate, (a pair on original env. 2
70 CANADA: 2 cents registration, error, used 1
71 CUBA: (1888) provisional, 10 cents cut in half and used as 5 cents, on original envelope 1
72 NEW BRUNSWICK: 1, 2, 5, 10, 12½, 17 cents, complete, unused 6
73 " 3 pence, used 1
74 NEWFOUNDLAND: 5 cents, brown 1
75 " 1000 3 cents, blue, (per 100)
76 NOVA SCOTIA: 3 pence, blue, used 1
77 " 1 penny, used 1
78 " 6 pence, used 1
79 " 1, 2, 5, 8½, 10, 12½, complete, unused 6

80 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: Set of 12 varieties, complete, except 6d., unused 12

81 ANTIGUA: (1882) 4d. blue, (1887) 4d. brown. New South Wales, (1863) 1d. vermillion 3

82 BRITISH BECHUANALAND: (1886) ½d. unused. British North Borneo (1886) ½ cent, unused. Fiji (1880) 1d. Straits Settlements (1883) 2 cents. Virgin Islands (1883) ½d. unused..... 5

83 MADAGASCAR: (1886) Consular mail 2d., in red, unused 1

84 NEW BRUNSWICK: (1860) 1 cent violet. Nova Scotia, (1860) 5 ct. Newfoundland (1866) 10 cents, black.... 3

85 SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC: (1883) 1d. black. (1885) 1d. rose unused (1887) 2d. olive green.. 3

86 NEWFOUNDLAND: 1, 2, 4, (2) 5, 6, 6½d. 1sh. lake and 3d. green. (1858) all unused..... 9

87 " (1857) 2d. orange, unused 1

88 " " 6½d. " 1

89 " " 8d. " 1

90 NOVA SCOTIA: (1851) 1 penny, strips of 3, unsevered and unused, splendid specimens 3

91 " The same, used..... 3

92 " 3d. provisional, ½ of 6d. diagonally on original letter, showing date stamp..... 1

93 " 3d. and 6d. on original letter..... 2

94 UNITED STATES: (1847) 5 cents, a pair, unsevered, on original en. 2

95 " (1847) 10 cents black, do..... 1

96 " (1856) 5 cents brown, with ornaments 1

97 NOVA SCOTIA: 1 shilling, unused, fine color..... 1

98 " Pair 3 pence, blue paper, fine..... 2

99 " Unsevered tris, 3 pence..... 3

100 NEW BRUNSWICK: 6 pence, used, brilliant.. 1

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